

Sunday Bulletin

St. John Vianney Church

OUR MISSION

As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Saviour risen. Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in his mission of justice and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God.

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Tuesday - Friday @ 9:30am

Saturday @ 5:00pm

Sunday @ 9:30am & 11:30am



CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday @ 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Sunday @ 10:45am - 11:15am



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*I am the Way
the Truth
and the Life*
John 14:6

"The Only Road To God"

The phone rang at 1:00am in the home of Leo Winters, a brilliant Chicago surgeon. It was the hospital telling him

that a young boy had been tragically mangled in a car accident. Dr. Winter's hands were probably the only ones in the city skilled enough to save that boy's life. He got on his clothes, jumped into his car, and decided the quickest route to the hospital would be to drive through a dangerous neighborhood, but since time was critical, he decided to take the risk. He came to a stoplight and when he did, a man in a gray hat and a dirty flannel shirt, opened the door, pulled him out of his seat and screamed, "Give me your car!" The doctor tried to explain that he was on an emergency call, but the thief refused to listen. He threw the doctor out of the car, jumped in, and sped off.

The doctor wandered for more than 45 minutes looking for a phone so he could call a taxi. When he finally got to the hospital, more than an hour had passed. He ran through the hospital doors, up the stairs, to the nurse's station. The nurse on duty looked at him and shook her head and said, "Doctor I am sorry, but you are too late. The boy died about 30 minutes ago. His father is in the chapel if you want to see him. He is awfully upset, because he couldn't understand why you didn't come to help." Doctor Winters walked hurriedly down the hallway and entered the chapel. Weeping at the altar was a man dressed in a dirty flannel shirt and gray hat, whose eyes were blinded by tears. The boy's father looked up at the doctor in horror and realized his tragic mistake. He had foolishly pushed away the only man in that city who could have saved his son.

There is only one person that can save our soul. When we exit this life, we will enter eternity. If we intend to go to heaven, we better make sure we take the one Way, which is the only Way, and His name is Jesus Christ.

Today's gospel reminds us of the great truth that Jesus is the Way to God that he is the Truth of God and that in him and through him we receive God's own Life. Today's readings demand from us real faith not only in God the Father but also in Jesus precisely because he is "the Way, the Truth and the Life".

In fact, Jesus took three of the great basic concepts of the Jewish religion and made the unique claim that in him all the three found their full realization. This means that he alone is the surest way to God. He alone can authoritatively and flawlessly teach us truths about God, and he alone can give God's life to us. John's central message is that Jesus is both the revealer and the revelation of God. If we wish to know who God is, what God thinks and what God wants of us, we must attend to Jesus the Word of God.

Jesus asked Philip: "Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know Me?" He is asking us the same question: "Have I been with you all this time - in the Mass, in the sacraments, in the Bible, in the worshipping community - and you still do not know Me?" If we really believe that Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life, then we will find fresh and creative ways to keep alive his memory. Jesus asks us to keep alive his memory by reading and praying the Scriptures, by gathering in Jesus' name and celebrating the Eucharist "in memory" of him, by handing on the great tradition of Christian faith and by living according to his wise teachings.

Jesus says, "If you believe in me, you will do the work I do". This is the work he's talking about: creating safe, secure, happy places for one another in which the important work of life - transformation and big-family building - can happen. We can help one another "get a life" in the same way Jesus did - by recognizing the powerful effect we have on one another, for good or ill, and by consciously deciding to make even our smallest choices add up into safe, secure, happy spaces where every member of our big family can grow whole.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday
May 6th 5:00 pm † **Sheila Mary Murphy**
Requested by: The Pisani Family & The Staff of St. John Vianney School

5:00 pm † **Clifford Allum**
Requested by: Teresa Allum

5:00 pm † **Manuel De La Fuente**
† **Erlinda De La Fuente**
† **Manuel De La Fuente JR.**
Requested by: Family

Sunday
May 7th 9:30 am † **Elio Zoratto**
Requested by: Alice Zoratto
9:30 am For the special intentions of **Alice Zoratto**
Requested by: Kathy Bunn

9:30 am For the special intentions of **Maria Thuy Mai & Maria Khuyen Hoang**
Requested by: Tran & Nguyen Families

11:30 am † **Gloria da Silva & deceased members of the da Silva Family**
Requested by: Family

11:30 am † **Len Shirose**
Requested by: Christine Liggett

Tuesday
May 9th 9:30 am † **Jean Maher**
Requested by: Dorothy Kline

9:30 am † **Frank Prior**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior

9:30 am For the special intentions of **June D'Souza**
Requested by: D'Souza Family

Thursday
May 11th 9:30 am † **Mary & B.J. Ronan**
Requested by: Suzanne Prior



First Holy Communion



Please remember in your prayers the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend, that they may have a lifetime of joy and love in their heart for Jesus that they now have in anticipation of making their First Communion.



LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKETS...

It's back!
The Knights of Columbus Mother's

Day Brunch will be held on **Sunday, May 14**. Brunch will be served beginning at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for teens and children under 12 are free. Tickets will be sold (cash only) after each Mass this weekend. Tickets will not be available after May 7th or at the door.

WELCOME WEDNESDAY GATHERING

Please join us this coming Wednesday for our Welcome Wednesday gathering! There will be a movie, games, and fellowship. All are welcome!



Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Sunday Masses for fellowship & refreshments. Hosts are volunteers from the various ministries. This weekend your hosts are the Lectors. We hope to see you there!

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.



Please pray for those who are sick:

Bunty Brooks, Kelly McBride, Saif Mansabdar, Richard O'Brien, Mary Spencer, Joe Bottone, Brian Ballinger, Isabel Crickard & Maria Pasko

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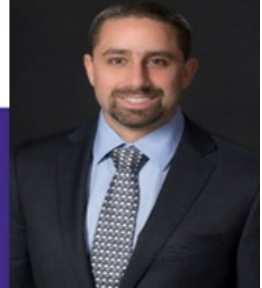
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